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quotation of a single sentence. "If it can be said that Utilitarianism is the Word of the English spirit, then the United States is the Word made flesh." From the point of view of the restlessness of a world in throes of reconstruction, there is a challenge to ponder Ellis' dictum (p. 33) that "the great wars of history are ambiguous for the most part, but when any meaning emerges, the moral is clear to see: Woe to the victors!" This book is attractively printed with only here and there a slip in proofreading and should prove valuable not only for general public consumption but also as collateral reading in courses on social conflict or the family.

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*Thoughts of a Psychiatrist on the War and After.* By WILLIAM A. WHITE, M.D. New York: Paul B. Hoeber, 1919. Pp. x+137. \$1.75.

The nature of this collection of popular essays on war and its social aftermath is well indicated by its title. Culture-immaturity, the struggle between the individual and the group, war and the social consequences of war are given a psychoanalytic interpretation. War is both good and bad. It releases primitive animal impulses. It serves also as "the preliminary process of rejuvenescence." With it comes social rebirth and introduction to a new line of progress. War always will be with us unless in some way we discover a rational method of sublimating the hate instinct as it arises between nations.

The brevity of the book will make it difficult for readers unacquainted with psychoanalytic literature. If it leads some of these into the more extended discussions of the psychology of war it will accomplish what doubtless was the purpose of the author.

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*The Economic Consequences of the Peace.* By JOHN MAYNARD KEYNES. New York: Harcourt, Brace and Howe, 1920. Pp. 298. \$2.50.

The prime importance of this book (now in its thirtieth thousand and under wide discussion) consists not merely in the authoritative positions held by the writer. As fellow of King's College, Cambridge, editor of the *Economic Journal*, director during the war of financial relations with the Allies, and later member of the Supreme Economic